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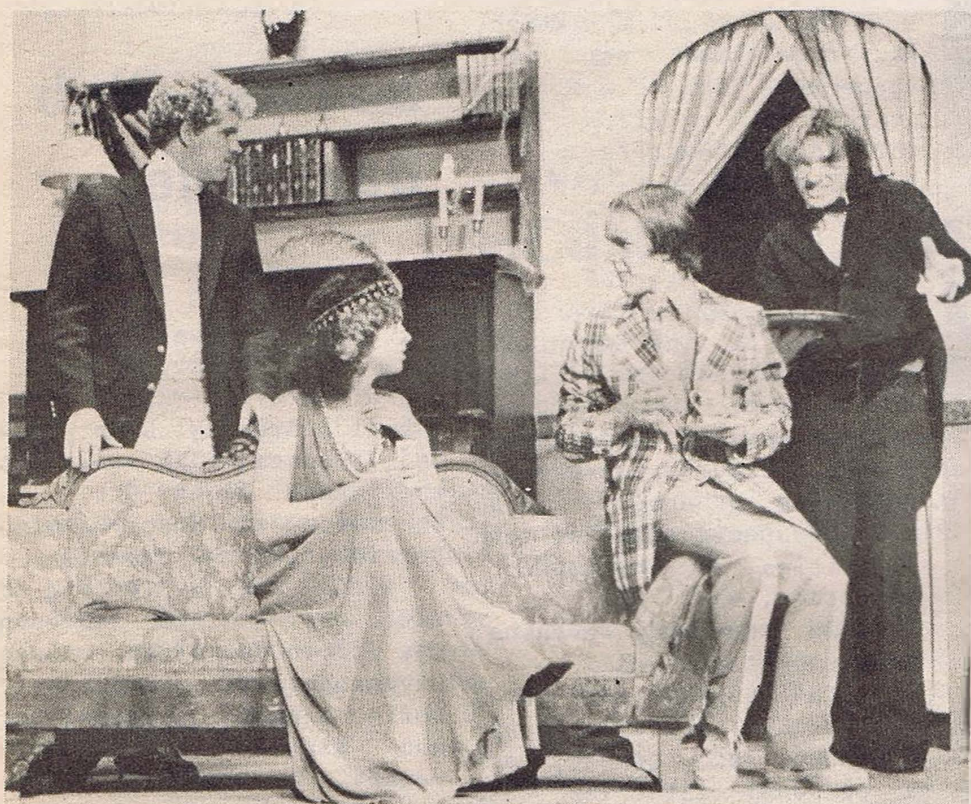
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T.J. Lathrop (Kyre Cahoon) talks to Celia Lathrop (Kirstin Swanson), while Carter Forstman (Dick Dawson) and Edgars (Don Sewall) look on, before the million dollar will of Cedric Hopkins Russell is read in the Oyster River Drama Club Presentation "Any Number Can Die" which opens tonight.

## 'Any Number Can Die' Comedy Opens Dec. 2-3-4

by Sean Jones

The Oyster River High School Drama Club production of "Any Number Can Die" opens tonight in the ORHS cafeteria at 8 p.m.

Tickets will be sold for \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for adults. The play runs tonight, Friday night and Saturday night.

"Any Number Can Die" is a murder mystery which

takes place on a island outside the three-mile limit. The play is about the relatives of an old man, Cedric Russell, who has died and whose relatives have gathered to hear the reading of his will.

The actors in the play include: Kevin Ronan as Roger Masters, Jay Phillips as Hannibal Hix, Annie Linden as Ernestine Wintergreen, Kirstin Swanson as Celia Lathrop, Kyre Cahoon as TJ Lathrop, Ann Ward as Zenia, Wendy Batson as Sally Van Viller, Doug Johnson as Jack Regent, Dick Dawson as Carter Fortsman and Don Sewall as Edgars.

The actors have been working on the production along with Director Richard Tappan for six weeks with four rehearsals a week lasting from one hour to two hours a time. The actors also contributed to the play on some weekends.

Mr. Tappan also said that this production is the most expensive non-musical production to date at ORHS with the total cost of the play running \$607.60.

## OR Musicians Play Concert

The Oyster River High School Music Dept. will hold its second concert of the year at the high school Dec. 14, according to Music Director Cindy Plourde.

Under the direction of Ms. Plourde, the high school band will perform "St. Nicholas Suite" by Forsbald and Livingston; the suite from "The Peasant Cantata" by J.S. Bach; "A Chanuka Triptych" Arr. by Jacques Rizzo; and "Winter Wonderland" by Flex Bernard.

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## Kayser Elected Rep. Students Are Happy

by Lisa Kelly

Last Wednesday, senior Karin Kayser was elected to represent the Oyster River High School student body at school board meetings.

According to Student Council Advisor Julie Debois, Kayser defeated Kelley Cathcart by collecting more than 50 per cent of the student votes.

Kayser took part in her first board meeting last night in the Middle School Library.

Board Member Sharon Meeker said, "It will take time for Kayser to learn about the issues at hand and feel comfortable to make comments." Mrs. Meeker also commented that she is looking forward to hearing some valuable opinions from Kayser.

According to SC Pres. Jim Healy the SC will act as a go-between for Kayser and the student body. Healy explained that the SC was unable to advise Kayser on the issues of last night's meeting because they were unable to obtain an agenda.

Healy further explained that Kayser will be expected to report to the SC after school board meetings to discuss the issues with the council. According to Kayser, she will post a report on the minutes of the meetings to keep students informed.

Kayser said that she wants to encourage students to speak their minds on the issues discussed, "Now is our chance to voice our opinions and complaints, but having a student rep. at the board meetings won't help unless I get some input."

P-in. Gerald Daley says he is pleased with the fact that there is a student representative and encourages students to speak with the SC members and Kayser about any of the issues put before the Board.

Kayser, one of the students responsible for getting a student representative to the school

board, explained that in the future the representative will be elected in the spring along with the other student office elections. Students interested will run during their Junior year and attend board meetings throughout their entire Senior year.

## Math Team #2 in League

by Craig Rief

The Oyster River High School Math team, occupying second place in the second division of the Tri-State Math League, will host its largest meet ever next Wednesday.

The math team trails Amesbury by 19 points, with Somersworth two points behind them in third.

The math team will host approximately 170 students and 20 advisors from 14 different schools including: Amesbury, Kingswood, Newburyport, Somersworth, Timberlane, and Triton, said Mr. Petar Sroykovich.

The categories for the home meet will be: arithmetic, sequences and series, linear equations, exponents and radicals, and parallels and perpendicular (analytic) and team category.

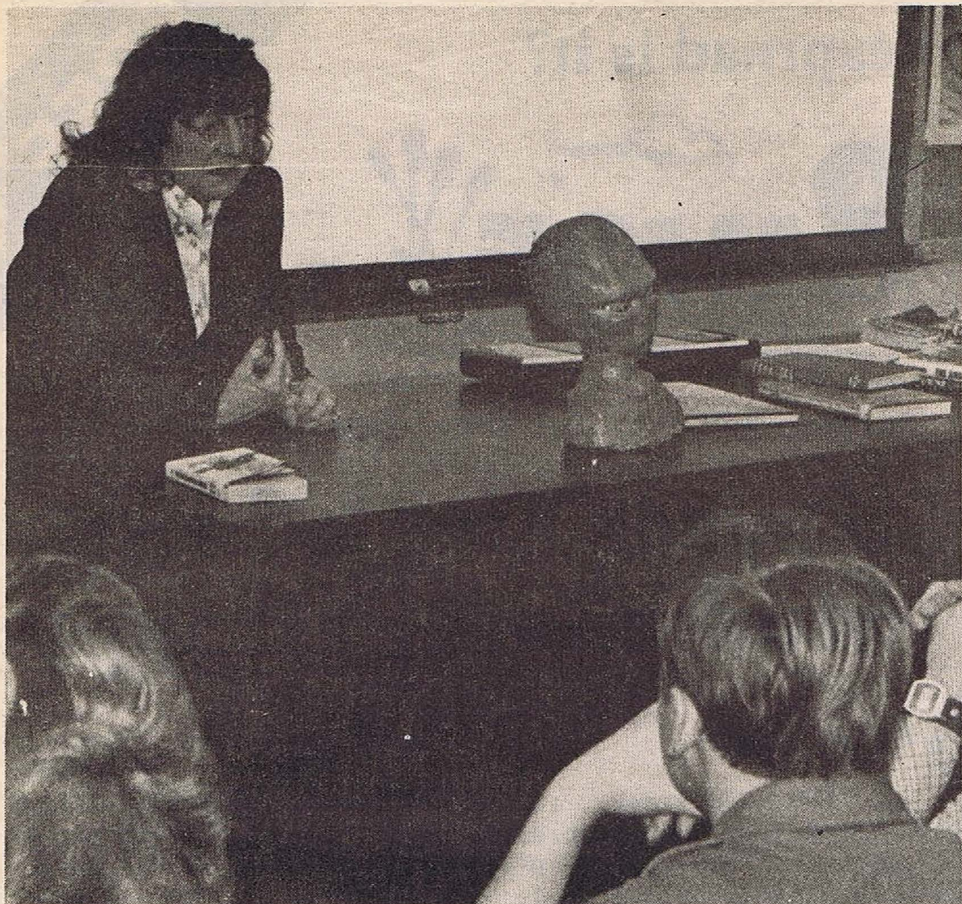
The Tri-State Math League has a much more competitive outline. The problems are harder and the competition is tougher than in the Southeastern Conference Math League which involves smaller schools such as: Sanborn, Raymond, Epping, Newmarket, and Alton, said Math Team Advisor Petar Sroykovich.

The next Southeastern Conference Math League meet is Dec. 15 at Raymond.

The math team placed first at their Tri-State Math League division two meet in Timberlane Nov. 3 with 155 points.

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Mrs. Betty Hill talks to students about her experience with UFO's.

## Stars Class Goes To Boston

by Mike Wellington

The Oyster River High School Planetarium Department visited the Hayden Planetarium at the Boston Museum of Science, Boston Mass. to see a show as put on by professionals.

The shows started at 10 a.m., and brought the class through the history of flight. It followed the progression from simple gliders to the advanced space shuttle of today.

"The show was pretty good, but I think that our shows are better because we get the whole audience to participate and we can answer questions, and talk one-on-one to our audience," says Planetarium student Frank Nichols.

### Winter track

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Cats were runners up to Londonderry in the Class meet.

"I hope to better my time by three-tenths of a second," said Smith who set a state record in the 60 meter-high hurdles last year.

Smith is expected to hold strong in the 60 high hurdles, long-jump, and 300 meters. Dick Dawson and Dave Elliot will be the main force in the weight events. The distance runners this year will be Dean Pomerleau, Jon Holter, Mike Grossi, Jim Griffith, and Scott Shirley. Robin Miller and Mike Wellington are expected to lead the team in sprints and long jump.

The admission price was one dollar, but the students got in for free, thanks to Planetarium Dir. Eleanor Milliken who knows the Hayden director.

After the show they were lead out back of the set to meet some of the people who ran the show for them.

The they were allowed to see other exhibits in the museum.



### Math team

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The Math Team competed in five categories: algebraic fractions, set theory, polygons, arithmetic, and word problems, said Sophomore Thomas Cunniff who received 13 points in three categories.

Matt Dauphinais and John Chorlian placed highest with 22 and 20 points, putting Oyster River ahead of Amesbury. Other team members are: Dave Philips, Greg Mercer, Demi DuBois, Steve Jacobson, Robert Heilbronner, Ming Tsai and Dean Pomerleau.

Philips, Cunniff, Dauphinais, Heilbronner and Pomerleau entered as a team, solving one problem from each category. They received 18 points for a total, commented Philips.

Total standings for Test 2 were Oyster River first with 155 points and Amesbury second with 154 points.

# Julie Knight Takes 2nd in NH Junior Miss

by Dick Dawson

An Oyster River High School student received \$1000 in the New Hampshire Junior Miss Pageant in Manchester Saturday night.

Senior Julie Knight was selected as first runner-up in a competition over 30 girls from throughout the state.

The pageant, held at St. Anselm's College, was the culmination of the event which started four weeks ago.

Each of the two nights were devoted to either talent, or youth fitness and poise and appearance. The 30 girls were separated into two groups, of whom one group did one of the activities, and the other - the other.

On Saturday evening, the groups switched.

The pageant was based on talent, poise and appearance, scholarship, and a personal interview, and not on the "looks" of the contestants.

Miss Knight won the youth fitness award for the first night, and the talent for the second as chosen by a panel of five judges.

The winner of the pageant Manchester Central's Yoenok Sai won her talent night for her demonstration of a Karate ability by breaking several boards. Miss Sai won a \$1500 cash scholarship, and a silver bowl.

Miss Knight won the \$500 spirit award which was chosen by the other girls in the pageant.

She was disappointed that she and Sai were not in the same group so that they could not be compared against one another by the judges.

All in all, Julie felt that she "came out of it [the pageant] with many friends and the experience of performing in a situation like that."

## Spanish Club Bake Sale

by Craig Rief

The Oyster River High School Spanish Club made \$43.75 on a bake sale in the front lobby Oct. 16, according to Spanish Club President, Steve Jacobson.

In the Sept. 28 elections: Steve Jacobson was elected president; Sean Cavanaugh, vice president; Dorie Schwebel, treasurer; and Kari Federer, secretary.

The spanish club has not had any meetings yet due to after school activities such as soccer and field hockey, but there will be a meeting sometime during the first week November, commented Steve Jacobson.

The French and Latin clubs have yet to hold their first meetings but plans are in the immediate future commented Madame Julie DuBois and Ms. Linda Herbst.



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# American Studies Program Reviewed

by Ted Germann

As a result of a mid-semester course evaluation, major changes are being made in the American Studies curriculum, according to American Studies Teachers Alex Herlihy and William Childs.

The major changes will be:

- Room 11 will be used only when the course requires it.
- Students will take a larger part in teaching.
- Homework will be spread out more evenly.
- More time will be allotted to discuss the material.

Recently students were asked to write down some specific good and bad points of the course and these were typed up. Later the critiques were passed out and discussed by the students. Then the teachers discussed the common comments.

"The evaluations should work well and most of the comments were justified," Mr. Childs said.

"The student involvement will increase during the reading of "The Spoon River Anthology" as they will discuss the book in class asking each other questions instead of the teacher asking them the questions," said Mr. Childs.

"The teachers as well as the students didn't like room 11 so they are now using room 10 instead," commented Mr. Herlihy.

"Homework is now listed on a sheet of paper

that is given to all the students," said Mr. Childs.

Also the assignments are not given all at once then none for awhile as before.

Another complaint about the course was the amount of reading that was not discussed in the course. This is also being improved by "teachers giving students more discussion time," said Mr. Childs.

## New Face Custodian Day

by Cynthia Weddle

Oyster River High School has hired a new custodian this month to replace former custodian Ken Kirschner, according to Maintenance Supervisor M.G. Thompson.

The new custodian, George Day, was hired Nov. 12, says Mr. Thompson. According to Mr. Day, the job is going very well. "Everybody has been very nice to me," he says. Faculty members have introduced themselves and have been very helpful, says Mr. Day.

Mr. Day is a member of the Oyster River Educational Support Personnel Association. "As a member of the ORESPA, I hope the faculty realizes I am not a repairman also," Mr. Day says. "My job is to clean."

Mr. Day lives in Dover. He was Manager and Vice-President of Day's Furniture in Rochester for 11 years. This store, owned and operated by his brother, closed down in January, according to Mr. Day.

Mr. Kirschner resigned from his position at the school Nov. 9,



American Studies Students appreciate art outside the Breakers Mansion in Newport Rhode Island. Included are Joan Glutting, Jen Snow, Kirstin Swanson, Kris Kohler, Kris Helsher and Joan Heisey.

## Vandalism at Oyster River Damages Amount to \$1300

by Kyre Cahoon

Oyster River High School has suffered over \$1200 in vandalism and thefts this year, according to school officials.

One break-in on the weekend of Oct. 22 resulted in \$672.34 vandalism to the driver's education car. Even though most of this cost is covered by the insurance company, the school will still have to pay a \$250 deductible, according to Driver's Education Teacher Jim Boulanger.

Total losses of \$1272.34 have resulted this year from:

- two break-ins
- vandalism in front of school
- vandalism to the drivers education car

The cost of the vandalism includes: \$200 damage done to the front lawn and two windows at the beginning of November; \$400 for a recent Halloween break-in, and \$672.34 for damage done to the driver's education car, according to school officials.

Police refused comment on investigations in progress, beyond stating that no arrests have been made thus far.

Future precautions against more break-ins include more police patrolling, according to Maintenance Supervisor M.G.

Thompson. "We have also been looking into a burglar alarm system, but we would prefer not to get one because of the money involved and the limitations it would put on the use of the school," he stated.

## Club Survives Seeks Members

by Eli Tillinghast

The Oyster River High School Chess Club will play its first interscholastic match of the season at Phillips Exeter Academy in mid-December, says Club Advisor Bernard Weddlton. Also, Sunday Dec. 5th, club members Chris Glawe and Jerry Vincent will play in the New Hampshire state championship tournament to be held in Brookline.

The interscholastic league in which O.R. will be playing includes seven other teams; Phillips Exeter Academy, Winnacunett, Laconia, Somersworth, Portsmouth, Dover and York. The teams will all play each other twice during the season, once at home and once away.

The Chess Club is looking for new members, especially ninth graders stated member Chris Glawe. The club hopes that ninth graders will not be apprehensive about being beaten by upperclassmen Glawe said. Current members of the club include Chris Glawe, Jerry Vincent, John Vittands and Ming Tsai.

## Early Notification Draws Near Guidance Offices Are Swamped

by Eli Tillinghast

Oyster River High School Guidance Counselors Phyllis MacKay and Roger Hall have been helping an average of five seniors a day meet college application deadlines, they said this week.

They expect the rush to increase, because most students turn in their applications after Thanksgiving, said Mrs. MacKay. The deadlines vary and students must remember that guidance needs 15 school days to process an application.

Counselor Roger Hall said that there seem to be more students seeking early

admission at this time then there was last year. From the Approximately 20 applications processed 50 to 60% seem to be headed to a four year colleges while 10 to 15 per cent are looking toward a two year college, said Mr. Hall.

Five students have applied for the early admission date at U.N.H., December 15 but many more students are expected to apply before the regular deadline of Feb. 1st.

Students applying for early decision status should find out the notification date. Different colleges require their own separate commitments.



# Drinking Majority

"Vodka."

The students in the auditorium snickered at the response of a peer when asked to name his favorite drink during a hypnosis demonstration October 28.

"Budweiser," another responded.

Later in the same demonstration the five students were told that the water they were holding in their mouths was indeed straight whiskey. One student gasped, and spit the liquid onto the stage. Another just didn't respond, but three others calmly drank the water, as if it were the real thing, as if they were used to it.

The assembly was funny, and served its purpose: to show how the subconscious mind can be probed through hypnosis, how true feelings can be brought to the surface.

The high school student who drinks is no longer the exception to the rule. The non-drinker has slipped into a quiet minority, almost never heard from.

Perhaps parents don't realize that their sons or daughters drink. Students may tell their parents they are going out, and just proceed to go somewhere else and drink.

School officials realize that there is a problem with drinking. But they feel confident that students are no longer drinking in school but confine their drinking to weekends in general.

Drinking is unfortunately becoming an "escape" for students. "High schoolers are drinking to become drunk, or to obtain the 'buzz' that drinking causes." Obviously students don't learn to enjoy themselves sober, that they need to drink to have fun.

We are concerned that parents realize their children drink, if they are like most of their friends. But we want parents to ask themselves if their kids are learning to drink responsibly.

By the time your son or daughter graduates, it is most likely that he or she will have a habit of drinking. Who will stop this habit from becoming a problem? Who will keep our graduates from slipping into the 10 per cent of high schoolers who end up having a drinking problem?

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## Health Class Gets Credit Studies Nutrition, Alcohol

by Joe Reid and Suzanne Hebert

Oyster River High School Ninth Graders are receiving more credit this year in a nine-week health class that includes units on nutrition, physical fitness, mental health, and the effects of alcohol, according to school officials.

The school decided to grant credit to the students this year because the class is mandatory, and is graded, according to Class Instructor Louis Mroz.

For two weeks the emphasis of the course is the effects of alcohol on the body and drunk driving.

For this section of the class, Mr. Mroz had, and hopes to have in the future, speakers who "have been through the living hell."

Recently, three re-covering alcoholics, a 60 year-old male, a 40 year-old female and a 17 year-old boy, talked to the ninth grade health classes. School Nurse, Beth Kleine, said, "the 17 year-old made the greatest impact because he made everyone think about the long-range outcome."



Oyster River Co-operative School Board Members Mr. William Healy, Mrs. Sharon Meeker, Mr. William Annis, Mrs. Barbara Houston, and Supt. John Powers at the Madbury Town Hall discuss inviting a student representative to the board.

## SADD Attracts Members Asks Help of Students

by Amy Austin

On Nov. 24 Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) held a meeting in mezzanine B to plan an assembly to be held next Tuesday at Oyster River High School, according to coordinator Mr. Lou Mroz.

The assembly was reluctantly agreed to by ORHS Prin. Gerald Daley who has doubts about the effectiveness of "preaching" to a very large group at one time. "I wish it could be done in smaller groups and a definite relationship could be established between the students and the speakers", commented Mr. Daley.

The assembly will open with Kathy Ury and Joe Reid reading SADD statistics, continuing with a 19 year old from Hampton who is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous who will tell his story. Bonnie Spencer will also talk of how her brother's death affected her family, according to Mr. Mroz.

The day following the assembly AA members will be in room 11 to talk to anyone who has a free period or any class that would like to ask questions. Mr. Mroz said everyone was invited.

SADD was formed at ORHS by Mr. Leo J. Spencer following the death of his son Damon. ORHS Nurse Beth Kleine and Mr. Mroz are sponsoring the program at ORHS.

Concerned Citizens Against Drunk Driving (CCADD) met Nov. 21 at Wentworth Douglas Hospital in Dover. They gave the SADD group at ORHS an idea: a type of Big Brother program for the development of SADD groups in all the high schools in the seacoast, according to Mr. Mroz.

The ORHS students in SADD include seniors: Zoe Balomenos, Kyre Cahoon, Kelly Cathcart, Joe Reid, Kathy Ury, and Trisa Ward; Junior Bonnie Spencer; Sophomore Andrew Grossi;

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# Students Drinking: How, When and Why

by Jim Griffith

"We grow up so much because he likes it. in four years," a senior "People talk about peer said. The senior was pressure and underclassmen referring to her attitudes drinking to impress toward drinking and how upperclassmen, but I have they have changed in high never drunk with an school. upperclassman, or seen one

"I remember when I drink," he said. was a ninth grader, telling "I drink because I friends how I'd never have a good time when I do. drink. I also remember It's fun; you talk, laugh, thinking how dumb people voof off and be with were to drink." friends," said another

The senior now drinks ninth grader. regularly.

The information for to drink in grades nine and the following piece was ten said they just wanted gathered by informal to try drinking. "People interviews with 100 high are curious, especially us school students. According kids. Drinking was to their own stories: something new to us as

--Most students start underclassmen. We just drinking just to try it, wanted to experiment," don't think they will like it, and believe they will said a junior.

--But by far the Students continue to majority like drinking and drink because, "I like the feeling and it makes me drink again. relax in social situations, but I don't need it to have fun," said a sophomore.

--Some ninth graders A tenth grade non-drinker expressed the drink, and those who do keep it among a few feelings of friends, since peer pressure is against many of the school's drinking.

--More sophomores non-drinkers when he said, drink; they drink once a "It's none of my business if someone drinks. They're month, because it's "fun". still the same persons. If The negative peer pressure has disappeared. I were to criticize all my friends who drink or not

--Most juniors drink, as their duties and responsibility increase, "to get away from it all." Some juniors start drinking for fear of being left out.

--Again, they try it and like it.

--The vast majority of seniors drink; peer pressure is present for the first time, but it is by no means a major factor in drinking. Seniors also start to cite their age and wisdom as justifications for drinking.

The majority of ninth graders have never drunk. The typical ninth grader believes, "I won't drink regularly until I am twenty. I have no need to. I probably will try drinking sometime in high school, but I'll never like it," said one ninth grader.

Ninth grade non-drinkers think that students who drink, drink because of peer pressure, but they have never felt peer pressure to drink.

"I don't think it's right," said a ninth grader about drinking. "It's not legal, and it is dangerous."

"Drinking could lead to a feeling of insecurity without it in later life," said another, "and I just don't need it."

One ninth grade drinker said he drank

"People talk about peer pressure and underclassmen drinking to impress upperclassmen, but I have never drunk with an upperclassman, or seen one

"I drink because I have a good time when I do. It's fun; you talk, laugh, voof off and be with friends," said another

Students who started to drink in grades nine and ten said they just wanted to try drinking. "People are curious, especially us kids. Drinking was something new to us as underclassmen. We just wanted to experiment,"

Students continue to drink because, "I like the feeling and it makes me relax in social situations, but I don't need it to have fun," said a sophomore.

A tenth grade non-drinker expressed the feelings of many of the school's non-drinkers when he said, "It's none of my business if someone drinks. They're still the same persons. If I were to criticize all my friends who drink or not talk to them, I would either be criticizing people all day, or very lonely."

Students who start drinking as juniors cite seeing friends having fun drinking and not wanting to be left out as reasons for trying drinking. "It's an inner-pressure or fear of being left out by friends. I'm not sure that I have been left out, but I thought that I might have been," said one junior.

In eleventh grade, students first cited increased pressures in their lives for trying and continuing drinking. The pressures are due to increasing responsibilities in school, at home, on jobs, and driving cars. Sometimes after a hard week of school, "I just want to get away from it all and get drunk. I don't have any illusions that this is helping me. I know that the next day I'll have to face them, but it feels so good just to forget everything for a while," said a junior.

Seniors drink for all the reasons listed before and they cite age and responsibility as reasons for drinking. "I'm 18 years old. Under the law I



am an adult, but I can't ORHS Prin. Gerald drink? That's silly. I'm Daley thinks that drinking an adult and I should have is a problem with high the rights of an adult," school students. He

aid a senior. feels, "The problem does not seem to be during school, senior and not drink," but since we are a part of explains one senior. "A the community we are person can only follow his concerned and we try to be or her own feelings and alert to the times and senses of right and wrong. places students drink. The

I takes a great deal of school has three roles in strength not to drink, and dealing with the drinking each individual must decide problem: education, if he or she has that counseling and disciplinary strength."

"I have never felt any can deal with the problem real pressure to drink but is increasing influence on people talk and it makes me it."

feel like I stick out," said a senior non-drinker.

The feelings of most non-drinking seniors was summed up by one who said, "I don't drink because I see so many problems caused by drinking, DWI, alchoholism, family, legal, as well as deaths and injuries caused by alchohol."

"People who need to drink to have a good time are fooling themselves. And people who drink to fit in are actually isolating themselves more," said another non-drinker.

Most students' feelings about the role of the school on drinking was summed up by Student Council Pres. Jim Healy when he said, "As a whole I group is always looking for feel students drink with more members and interest. resonsibility. The problem Attendance at every meeting arises when kids go out is not mandatory, but every weekend and drink people that realize the with the main goal to get hazards are less likely to drunk. The school should drink and drive, he said. educate the kids about alchohol, its effects and proper use. Lecturing won't make kids stop drinking, because half the fun of drinking is getting away with it."

Health Teacher Louis Mroz agrees and says that he tries "to get the info out" and act as a positive role model.

## Group

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and ninth graders: Amey Fuller and Mary Kleine. SADD plans to contact a school, locate a sponsor in that school and try to establish an SADD organization, according to Kathy Urv.

SADD would also like to contact a public official to name as an honorary chairperson. "This would get the state as a whole more involved and increase the organization's notariety", said Ury.

Mr. Mroz said the group is always looking for more members and interest. Attendance at every meeting is not mandatory, but people that realize the hazards are less likely to drink and drive, he said.







Senior Greg Bennett and baby, during an assembly Oct. 28 where Professional hypnotist Mr Ray hypnotised five ORHS seniors out of 16 ORHS students. Also shown from left to right are seniors Matt Dauphinais, Dean Pomerleau, Mike Grossi and Kris Helsher.

## New Students React to OR, Ask for More Teacher Help

by Suzanne Hebert

New students at Oyster River High School this year feel as though the faculty could have been more helpful in showing them around and explaining the rules.

Junior Monica Correia from Nantucket Island, Mass., says she was not told when students were allowed to visit the guidance office. As a result, she was given a cut from a teacher because she

had been in guidance during class.

Correia feels a session between new students and teachers to go over the student handbook would eliminate a lot of misunderstandings and conflicts.

The problem seems to be more for students who arrive during the school year rather than those who begin on the first day. Students who arrive in the Oyster River District during August have the option of attending a brown bag lunch which helps the new students become oriented to the school, according to ninth grader Simon Hay.

Kathy McGonagle, a junior from Exeter, finds ORHS to be considerably less clique-ridden than Exeter Area High School. She says, "Kids are a lot more friendly at OR. In Exeter there are groups that you just don't get into and it is hard to get

## Writing Samples Are Back Juniors Match 1981 Marks

by Suzanne Hebert

The 1982-83 Oyster River High School juniors matched last year's juniors with a 5.23 average grade on a scale of two through eight on the Seacoast Accountability Writing Sample taken Oct. 25.

English Teacher Elizabeth Dodge says the test measures how effectively a person can write, use correct sentence structure and convey a point.

English Teacher Jay Simmons, one of the graders of the tests, says the test has not been used in a way which would measure the effectiveness of Oyster River's teaching. He feels if fewer people were tested each test could be examined in detail to pinpoint the problems.

According to English Teacher Beverly Strout the test is "inadequate" because it is given too early.

people to accept you."

Jeff Roener, a junior from Saint Thomas Aquinas in Dover, also finds fewer cliques at ORHS than at his previous school.

Students had a variety of reactions when asked about homework and the classes.

Samantha Bennett, a sophomore from Hanover, attended a private school last year, Kimball Union Academy. She finds less homework and less difficult classes at ORHS.

Roener finds the same amount of homework but a much harder grading system than STA.

Last year's topics consisted of three assignments, one of which was a picture. This year's included only two pictures as topics. Mrs. Dodge feels this year's juniors had to write more of an imaginative story compared to last year's realistic one based on personal experience.

Mr. Simmons says that there were far more evasive answers this year than last because of the change in format. This shows the students' frustration with the criteria they were given to write about.

The English Teachers at ORHS all opposed this year's test and had asked that it be reconsidered. This step was denied by the Seacoast Service Group, according to Mrs. Dodge.

One junior feels she didn't learn anything about her writing from the test and it was "just for the teachers."

English teachers returned the tests to 112 juniors during class periods.

Mrs. Strout says her writing workshop classes went over the test in detail.

## Jr's Make \$500

by Joe Reid

The Oyster River High School Junior Class raised about \$500 at their Nov. 12, dance according to Class Treas. Fred Lauten.

Lauten was "very, very pleased" with the results of the dance. He noted that an undetermined amount of the class budget will be used for the prom this spring.

Those who volunteered their time to aid in selling tickets and refreshments were: Pres. Mark Walker, Vice-Pres. Karen Rockenmacher, Class Sec. and the head of the publicity committee, Kim Bachich, Lauten, SC Rep. Ellen Jensen, Dan Will, Sheryl Hebert, Meg Michel, Eric Gleske, Annie Marshall, Ann Burke, and Bridget Finnegan.

Meg Michel said that the only change that they made from other dances was delaying the starting time to 8:00 instead of the traditional 7:30, in order to save on the cost of the mandatory police officers. A figure of the savings is, as of this time, unavailable.

The music at the dance was provided by the New Sound Express.

## Trion Deadline Met for Seniors

by Kathy McGonagle

16-page color senior section of the 1983 TRION was mailed to Texas recently to arrive by its Nov. 19 deadline, according to TRION Advisor Jay Simmons.

Junior Bonnie Spencer and TRION Editor Sylvie Fortier are working on the layout of the next 40 pages, which will include underclassmen, teachers and clubs. The deadline for the next 40 pages is Dec. 23.

The 1983 TRION Staff has ordered 350 copies of

this year's book at an expected cost of \$8,200, said Mr. Simmons.

"This year's year book will be different from what it's been in the past," said Mr. Simmons. The cover of the year book is going to be 3 colors. Also the senior section will be 16 color pages, located in the center of the year book, he said.

"There will be a 16-24 page summer supplement out next fall," said Fortier. The supplement will include senior follies, the French trip, the Latin banquet, graduation, the prom, and other spring-summer activities, she said. It will cost \$3.00.



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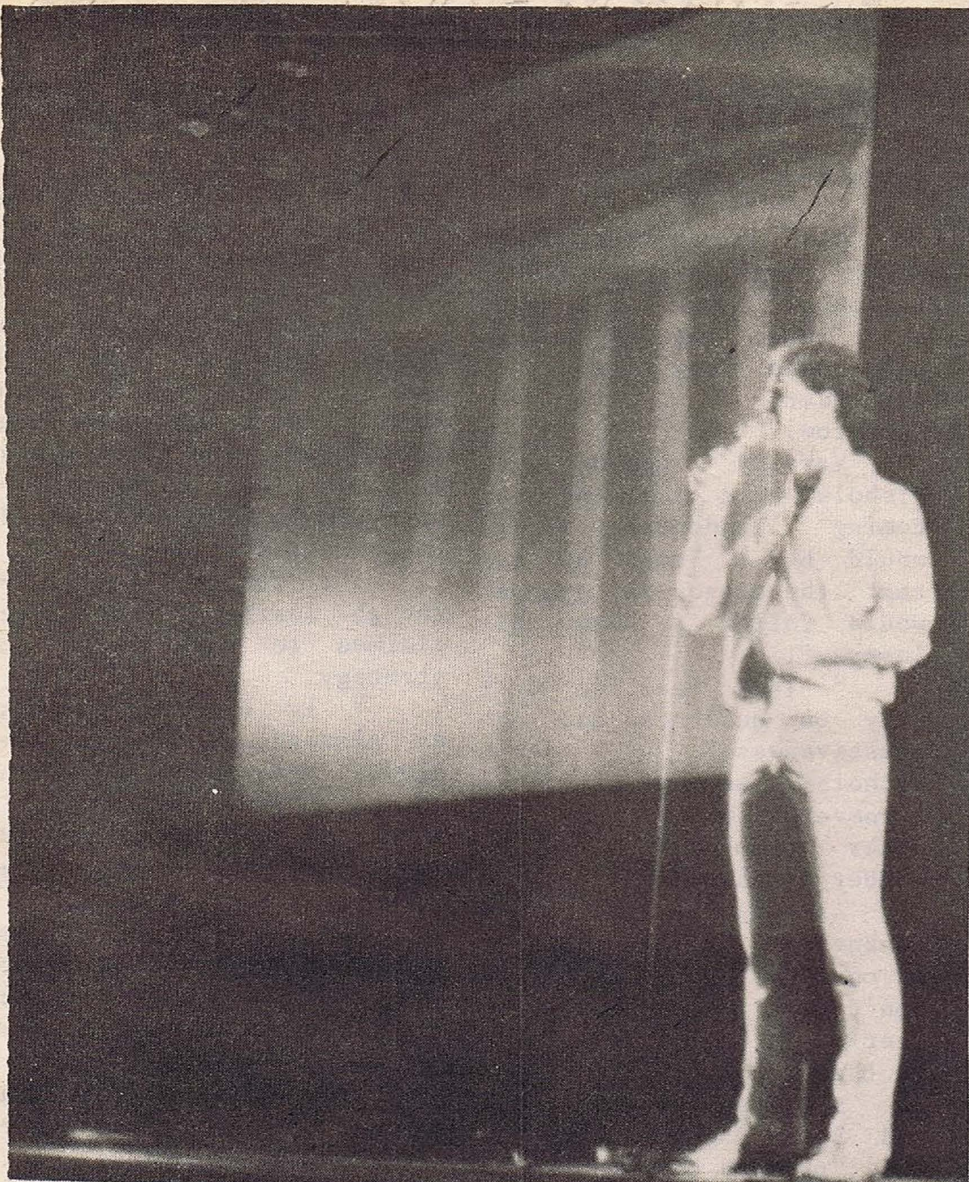
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Matthew Stewart sings "Juke Box Hero" during Challenge assembly.

## Challenge By Pepsi Gets Mixed Reviews

by Amy Austin

Reactions of Oyster River High School students and staff to a Nov. 17 assembly on "The Spirit Of Challenge" has been generally negative according to an informal poll. The assembly was sponsored by the Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. as well as radio station WERZ of Exeter, according to ORHS Prin. Gerald Daley.

The presentation consisted of a film that introduced the lead singer for Foreigner, Mick Jones, Gilda Radner, and other famous people who have

taken a challenge and succeeded. It was geared to getting students to enter into what they want and have all the confidence they need, according to the regional Pepsi Representative.

Matthew Stewart, a professional New York actor, was hired in New York by the Pepsi Co. to present "The Spirit of Challenge" to high schools throughout the eastern seaboard, according to Stewart.

"The presentation was condescending to the student body", said Senior Joan Glutting, who also wrote a letter to Mr. Daley explaining the negative views of a US History II class.

"If it were up to me and it were proposed that we have him again, we wouldn't," said chemistry and physics teacher Charles Perry when asked what his feelings on the assembly were.

Senior Class Pres. Matt Dauphinais called the assembly "propaganda." "The performance was definitely below the typical student's level of maturity and the challenge displayed was too stereotypical," he commented

## New Smoking Regulations Set Up for ORHS Teachers

by Cynthia Weddle

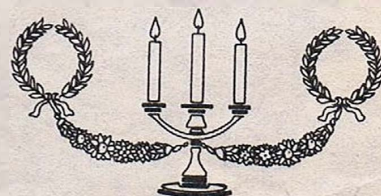
Oyster River High School Faculty Members compromised on a smoking policy at the school during a faculty meeting held at the beginning of the month, according to ORHS Prin. Gerald Daley.

This policy, now in practice, allows teacher smoking in the faculty room except during lunch and in the conference room during lunch when available. Smoking teachers are also responsible for keeping the faculty room clear of cigarette butts, ashes, and smoke, according to Mr. Daley.

ORHS Librarian Barbara Broderick, a smoker, said it is important to provide a place for smokers where they aren't intruding on non-smokers rights. She also said the current situation is not ideal but the smokers are being good sports. Smokers need one place away from students with sufficient ventilation where work can be done, she said.

ORHS Nurse Beth Kleine, a non-smoker, said the compromise was a good idea however she hopes for a long range goal of no smoking in the entire school. "Smoking is so injurious to health it would be best to have no smoking in the building," she said. The faculty members and students who smoke need their freedom, she said, and the policy is a workable solution.

The policy is now in a trial period. The topic will be brought up again in a future faculty meeting, said Mr. Daley. "It is too early to tell how effective it's going to be," he said.



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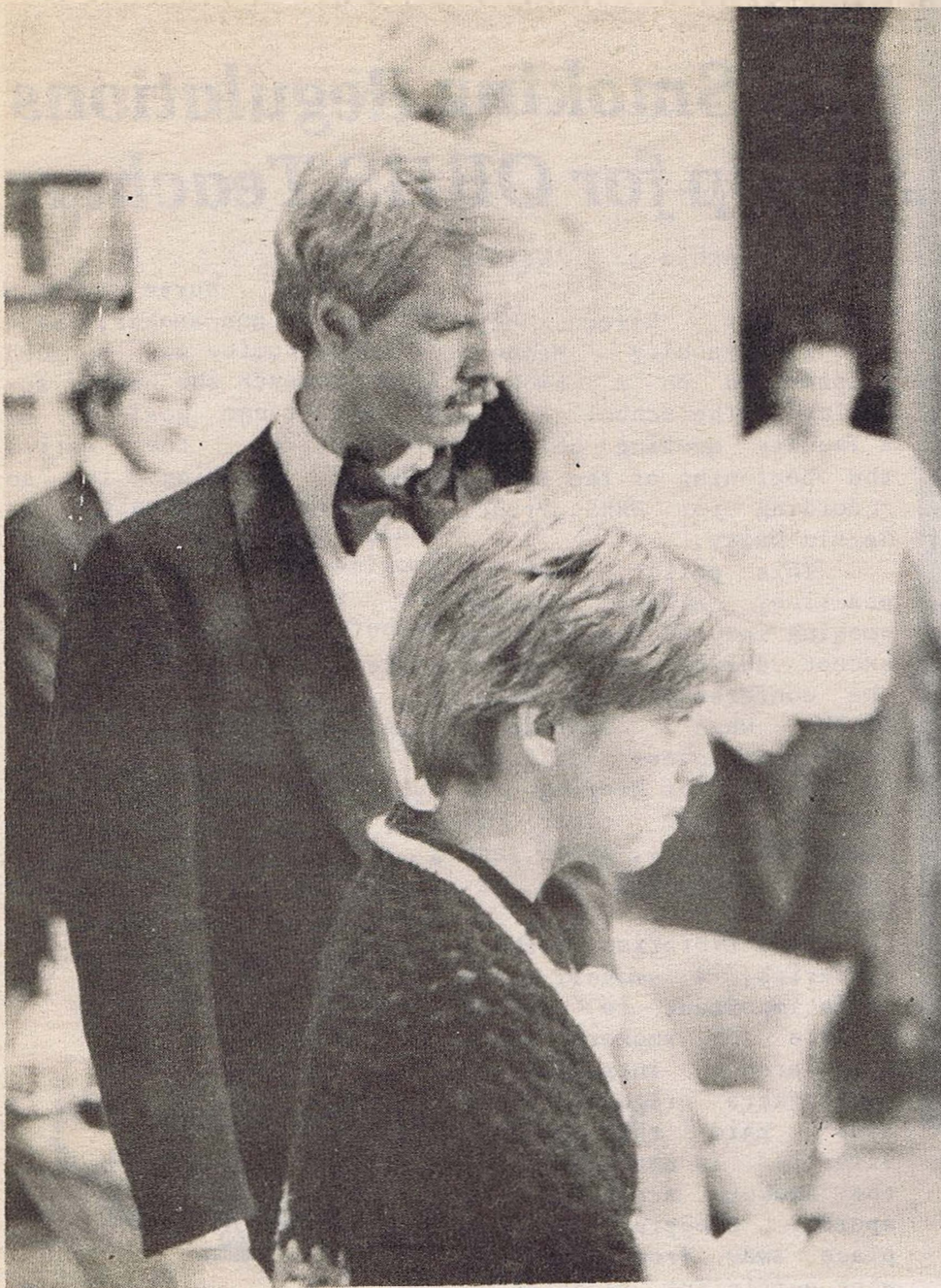
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Under the direction of Iris Levine, the chorus will perform a Hebrew folk song, "Nations Shall Learn War No More" Arr. by Stephen Richards; "Gloria in Excelsis" by Antony Vivaldi; "Christmas is the Warmest Time of the Year" by Al Semda; and "Hallelujah" from the "Messiah."

The audience is asked to participate with the chorus and the Orchestra in "Hallelujah" from the "Messiah."

Cindy Plourde will be directing the two bands and the orchestra. Iris Levine will be directing the chorus and the jazz choir.





Roger Masters (Kevin Ronan) and Agatha Withers (Annie Lindon) ponder the riddle in the will of Cedric Hopkins Russell which tells where his money is. See article page 1.

## Girls' BBall Opens Dec. 1 With Sanborn

by Scott Rogers

The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team played Sanborn home yesterday at 3:30 to open this year's season.

In a pre-season game last week the Bobcats beat Raymond five out of six periods, according to player Anne Hikel.

"We have a pretty good squad this year," said Hikel.

We are playing more of a team this year and should do better than last year," said Senior Elise Crosby.

## 15 New Members Added to Cheer

by Bart Lillis

Nineteen girls have been chosen for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Squad, according to Coach Linda Herbst.

The girls were judged on natural ability, accuracy, voice, form, appearance and graded by Ms. Herbst and Teachers Susan Smith, Bernard Weddleton and Jay Simmons.

Seniors on this year's team are Anne Hikel, Jeanne Twle, and Elise Crosby. Juniors are Capt. Julie Sasner, Kathy Jerabek, and Carrie Temple. Sue Robar is the only sophomore and the ninth graders are Ann Burke, Kris Bothner, and Jo Michel.

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Returning Varsity Cheerleaders are Capt. Diane Oxner, Co-Capt. Jeanne Carlisle, Karen Helsher and Jennifer Gibb. New squad members Monica Bradley, Stephanie Smith, Christine Lindsay, Kathy Savage, Paula Wallace, and Crystal Eisenhart.

The JV team includes Capt. Tracy Berneche, Co-Capt. Liz Stewart, Lori Blanchard, Dona Byron, Heidi Pfanner, Diana Wilhelm, Sheri Hardy, Holly Desjardins and Kelli Nobrega.

The new twist this year, according to

Ms. Herbst is that grades were considered as well as ability. This was due to the large number of girls who dropped the team in recent years because of failing grades, she said.

## New Philosophy for OR Boys' Varsity Basketball

by Amy Hodgson

The Oyster River High School boys varsity and JV Basketball teams will soon begin their regular season play when they travel to Londonderry Tomorrow.

Varsity coach Dave Nichols said that the upcoming Londonderry game would be a "toss up" and that the season in general would follow a "new philosophy".

"This year we will rely on quickness and aggressiveness," said Nichols, "we hope to force turnovers and hold the other team to a limited number of points."

As far as the teams weaknesses Nichols says "In our top seven players we don't have anyone over six feet and we are very weak on the boards."

Seniors Chris Franklin and Brian O'Connor will be the "primary offense" with Fred Lauten, John Teagan and Scott McHardy adding speed to the team. Other team members include Bill Tobey, Charles Collins, Jamie Poorman, Charles Deal, David Wetherby, Mark Walker, David Eastman and Tom Crotty.

According to Nichols last year's team put the emphasis on offense while this years team will emphasize defense. Players and fans alike will be watching for an exciting season.

Last Wednesday, the boys JV team was defeated by a team made up of ORHS faculty and staff.

Looking much like the Confederate army after the

## 2 Coaches Lead Winter Track

by Scott Rogers

The Oyster River High School Boys' and Girls' Winter Track Teams will have Greg Johnson and Jim Howe as the new coaches this year.

Greg Johnson, an ex-decathlete for three years at the University of New Hampshire, was chosen to fill the open position as the boys coach held last year by Tony Scarloto. Jim Howe, a UNH half-miler, will fill the place

as the girls coach. "There are lots of young serious runners coming up," said senior Chris Smith.

"I hope with the depth we have this year we can beat Londonderry," said Smith. Last year the Bob-

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battle of Gettysburg a red-faced and sweaty faculty team Triumphed over the JV team.

"We're trying to bring back the Hack Attack," said staff team member Chris Lawrence when asked about the three fouls a piece that he and teammate Jim Boulanger recieved in the first half.

The faculty team although losing at half time claimed to have a "secret strategy."

"If everything goes as planned, we will explode, get ahead and then go into a four corner stall for the rest of the game," said Pat Bonner, the only woman on the staff team.

The tired faculty team played all over the court and credited the JV squad with quick moves, nice shots and good hustle.

An out of breath Bonner stated after the game that "these guys look like they are gonna be real good this year."

Following this game the boys varsity was badly beaten in an exhibition game against an alumni squad 96-65. The alumni squad consisted of players ranging from last year to 1975.

## Parr Leads JV's

by Amy Hodgson

Dan Parr will be tackling the job as the new Junior Varsity Basketball coach this year at Oyster River High School.

Parr, who previously coached the Portsmouth High Clippers Varsity Basketball team to four state tournament finals, says "there is not as much pressure here as there is in Portsmouth."

Players seem to have taken a liking to coach Parr. Player Carl Sobocinski says, "coach Parr looks like he will be a really good coach."

Before being hired by ORHS, Parr looked at St. Thomas Aquinas and Berwick academy which also had JV coaching positions open.

Parr stated, "I talked with Mr. Daley and several coaches here and decided that Oyster River had a more solid program and was better organised than the others."

Coach Parr thinks that his team will do quite well this season.

"We have at least six solid players and at least four more with potential... I plan to play everyone and hope to have an undefeated season," he said.